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## By Philip Howard

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## Mellow McEnroe pledges to control his famous temper



## Dreaming an impossible dream



Threat of Japanese monopoly

## LONDON MARATHON

## Front runner with divided loyalties





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Malaysian event a warm-up for Seoul By Syingy heism




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## Success is

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Practising Flashback to summer of '65
for the

## big time

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RESULTS FROM WEST HILL



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## Threat to British trimarans



Nocccos



FOOTBALL
Linfield gain ground
English pairing






# Budd resigns herself to judgement <br> By Mick Cleary 





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## From Mitchell Platts Gofl Corresponent Hilton Head Island

## Rush committed to fulfilling his terms at Juventus <br> 

lan Rush the Welsh inter-
national forward, lasi night
pledged his immedial figh to Juventus. Speculation has
becn munting tush
who is less than 12 months in
to a

 months ago, is adamant about
secing out the terms of his
lucrative contract
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I am but having said that here
are some things are some things ${ }^{1}$ do miss
about Liverpol." he said.
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## II am planning 10 still be there but in is obviously tbe

Safety first for Liverpool

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Trust (FGTI) will present the
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International Cricket Con- jack Bannisler. secretary of
ference (ICC) members.
the Association, said. Asked The satemenh which reads what he felt , he reaction
as follows. was passed by 85 would be for for icc member
votes to noue. There were countries seeking to exclude three abstentions.
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Sho played or coached in
 ICC declaration, affirms that bit surpised."
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represeoted oo the 1CC.








## Attempt to delay <br> Thorburn hearing

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| Cliff Thorbun's management group, Marchroom, will today take the World ProfessionalBilliards and Snooker Association to the High Court io London to try to block the Canadian player's disciplinaryhearing due to take place in Bristol tomorrow. |  |
|  | bassy World Championship in |
|  | sport and the |
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|  | Barry Hearn's |
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| Thorburn, aged 40 and ranked fourth in the world, | burn's interst as he tried 10 |
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| and could be banned and |  |
| heavily fined. He would miss the Embassy World Championship, which begins in Shef- |  |
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| field 00 Saturday. |  |
| Last night, the WPBSA issued this statement: "Plans |  |
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| by the WPBSA to hold Cliff |  |
| Thortuwn's disciplinary hear-ing this Thurschay are in the |  |
|  | is at parties so |
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| senting Cliff have applied to the High Court for a postponement of the hearing which was set up to deal with the resuls | The WPBSA stated: "As the |
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|  | taken a positive slance on the |
| of a random drugs test on the player which was carried out during the British Open. The WPESA will oppose the |  |
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|  | of this information to a reporter |
| applicatioo whicb will be held in private in London in the High Court |  |
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| High Court <br> The WPBSA had set the date of the hearing in order to deal with the mancer before |  |
|  | deal with the matter before the |
| Blackburn break for |  |
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| commituee are spending two | council. But the public rela- |  |
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| Tokyo and Los Angeles. | fin | reflect on thateros miqht |
| The two-day "hink-tank" | has |  |
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| councib chairman, Boo Ashby. | e are receiving more |  |
| creased pressure of work on |  |  |
| the management committce means that occasional breaks | there are prociminary pla | Who has since wor the Open, |
|  | stage majior events nexa year |  |
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